**Closure of fair price shops in Madhya Pradesh**

2297. SHRI IQBAL SINGH:

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it lis a fact that re-eently many Fair Price Shops under the Public Distribution System were cancelled in Jabalpur and other parts of Madhya Pradesh for not lift ing the quota of and non-distribution of essential commodities to the ration cards holders;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what other action was taken against such erring F.P.Ss owners in the State; and

(d) what action Government have taken to check such tactics by the F.P.S. owners in the State in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (d) The information is beting obtained from Madhya Pradesh Government and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Number of cases .pending- before consumer fora in the country**

2298. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of consumer fora existing in the country State-wise and Union territory-wise;

(b) the number of cases filed and cleared during the last two years in such fora;

(c) the number of cases pending before the consumer fora State-wise and Union territory-wise at the end of December, 1992;

(d) whether Government propose to increase the number of fora to facilitate early clearance of cases; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDN AHMED): (a) As per information available, 30, State Commissions (excluding the State of Meghalaya) are functioning in the country. Similarly, 447 District Forums are functioning in the coun try namely—Andhra Pradesh-23, Arunachal Pradesh-11, Assam-23, Gujarat-20, Bihar-39, Goal2, Har-yana-16, Himachal Pradesh-12, Karnataka-20, Kerala-14, Madhya Pradesh-45, Maharashtra-31, Mani- pur-8. Mizoram-3. Nagaland-7. Orissa-13, Punjab-12, Rajasthan-30, Sikkim-4, Tamil Nadu-21, Tripura-8, Uttar Pradesh-63. West Bengal-17, A & N Islands-2. Chandigarh-1, D & N Haveli Delhi-2, Daman & Diu-2, Lakshdweep-1, Pondicherry-1. In addition 5 District Forums have been notified in the Meghalaya. Approval has been given for setting up of three District Forums in the newly formed districts of Arunachal Pradesh (1) and Punjab (2) The Consumer Pro-lection Act. 1986 does not extend to the State of Jammu & Kashmir.

*(b)* The information lis being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e) As per information available as on 31.12.1992. the number of cases pending before the State Com-